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Dixon and Catania at September FBA Meeting

Arrington Dixon and David Catania, candidates for the at-large council seat vacated by Council Chair Linda Cropp, will speak at the September 29 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. The special election is set for Tuesday, December 2.

Dixon is an Anacostia businessman, served as a member and chair of the D.C. City Council from 1974 to 1982. He owns a political consulting and computer business, and he founded the Anacostia Coordinating Committee, an active civic organization.

Catania, a Republican, resides on California Street, N.W., is a graduate of Georgetown Law Center and School of Foreign Service. Currently he is with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hayer & Feld law firm, working on federal energy regulatory matters and international policy issues. Catania currently is chair of the Sheridan-Kalorama ANC.

Update

22nd & M Street Project: Hearings were held September 11 and 15 before the D.C. Zoning Commission on a proposed development at 2200 M Street, N.W. The building, a project of Millenium Partners of Washington, D.C., will consist of approximately 300 residential units, both rental and condominium, retail establishments and a large health and sports club.

Residents attending a special ANC meeting in August were divided between

those who opposed and supported the project, and the ANC vote was a tie. Many opposed the project due to the developer's request for more height and bulk than current zoning would allow. Others felt that the building's high residential percentage offset the greater bulk. Among the amenities the developer will provide to the community are improvements to Washington Circle, the West End Library

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Police Changes Evident in FB

The Metropolitan Police have put in place a new system for policing our area, dividing Foggy Bottom, West End and some downtown areas into three Patrol Service Areas (PSAs). PSA 207 is the area between Rock Creek Parkway and 22nd Street and south of N Street. PSA 208 is east of 22nd Street, including most of the GWU campus. PSA 209 is the downtown area.

Each PSA is directed by a lieutenant, and is staffed by a detective, a vice officer, a Sergeant/Beat Leader, a Master Patrol Officer, and 14 officers. The entire team is committed to remain at least one year.

These are the officers you are already seeing more of on our streets, and they should become even more familiar as months go by.

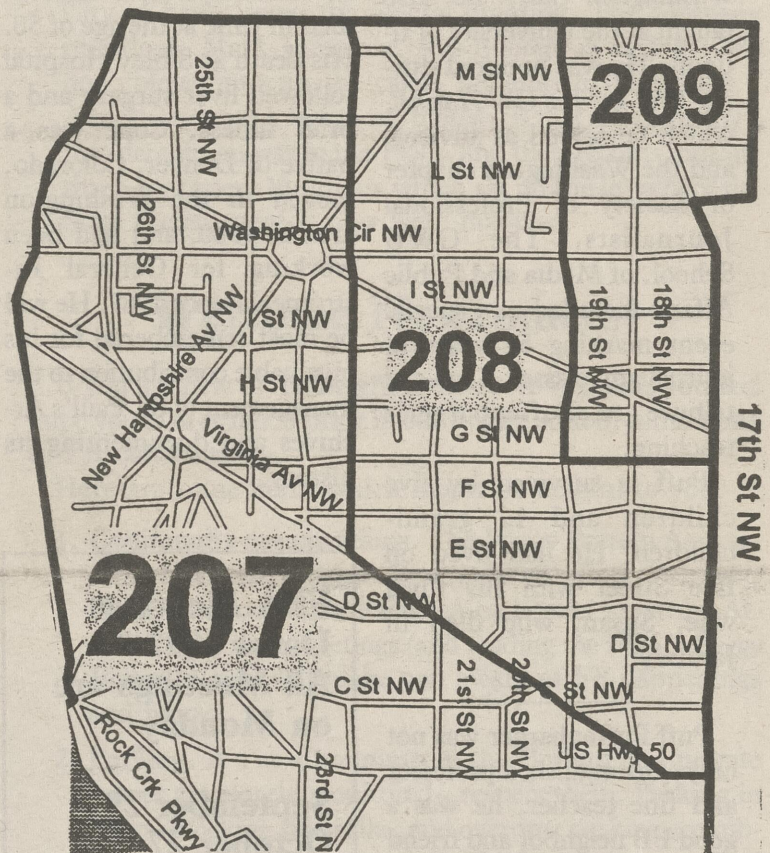
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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

MEETING

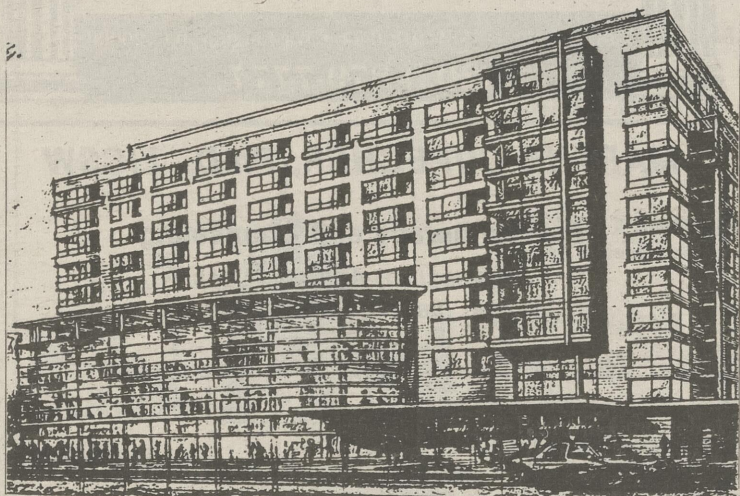
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City Council Candidates

**Arrington Dixon
and David Catania**

**Monday, September 29, 1997
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7:30 p.m.**

(Next Month's Meeting, Monday, October 27, 1997)



Charles "Puff" Puffenbarger

Charles "Puff" Puffenbarger, a professor of journalism at George Washington University and Eye Street resident, died in June at the age of 70. A beloved and sought-after teacher and mentor, he taught at GWU from 1973 until his death. He was known for his warm and caring relationship with his students and other young people, and for recognizing and guiding talent.

Puffenbarger during his long career worked for the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Star*; he also taught at the University of Illinois. He was honored during 1997 by *The GW Hatchet*, which he served as advisor, and the Washington chapter of Society of Professional Journalists. The GWU School of Media and Public Affairs included in a special event marking 50 years of journalism classes a special tribute to Puffenbarger's teaching.

Puff is survived by five children and 12 grandchildren. He had lived on Eye Street with his third wife, Susan, who died in January.

Puff Puffenbarger was not only a distinguished professor and fine teacher, he was a good FB neighbor and friend (who lived two doors away). We talked as neighbors do, about our yards, the neighborhood and the university, and about his beloved students. The party he held each year for his students was legendary, and we know he was strengthened

in his last months by having breakfast with a group of them periodically. A vivid memory is his stopping me out back to tell me, not too long after Susan's death, that he had been diagnosed with the serious illness which later caused his death. Stunned, I responded, "Oh, Puff, 1997 is sure not your year." With a twinkle in his eye and a slow smile, Puff said, "Well, it's not starting out that way anyway." I miss him. — Ed.

Gerrit Cone, St. Paul's Archivist

Gerrit Cone, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, died in June at the age of 50. His death at Sibley Hospital followed liver surgery and a brief illness. Cone was a native of Denver, Colorado, moved to the Washington area in 1980, and had been working for General Instruments since 1987. He will be most remembered for his invaluable contribution to the management of St. Paul's Archives and documenting its history.

FBA Meetings Dates 1997-98 All Meetings are on Monday

September 29
October 27
November 24
January 26
February 23
March 30
April 27
June 1
June 19

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The West End Library Friends want books. They need new donations for their Saturday, November 1 book sale. Bring your books to the Library at 24th and L Streets, N.W. and leave them on or under the table at the left as you enter.

If you need help in getting your books to the library, phone the Library (727-1397) and leave your name and phone number with the librarian. Someone will call you and make arrangements to pick up your donation.

Please, no donations after October 18. The Friends need the time between then and the sale on November 1 to sort and arrange the books.

All proceeds go to support the West End Library.

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This hospital at 2425 L Street, N.W., is a pleasant place for residents of the Foggy Bottom community to spend time volunteering. It currently has a need for information specialists in the main lobby. Positions are available seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Duties include greeting patients and visitors, providing directions and patient room numbers, delivering mail and flowers to patient care units, and assisting hospital departments with mailings and routine clerical work. Complete training and supervision are provided and no prior

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knowledge or experience is necessary. This is an ideal opportunity for both retirees and working professionals to meet new people and remain actively involved in their community. For further information, call Kathy Byrnes, Director of Volunteer Services, at 293-6596. (Ed. Note: A great job if you like to look at babies! Even through a window they are a fine sight.)

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Wall Mural Stirs Controversy

By Kirsten Olsen

A wall mural along L Street in Foggy Bottom has been covered over with white paint, but the paint can't smooth over the controversy it caused.

Restaurateur and Foggy Bottom resident Joseph Soares, owner of both Marshall's Bar and Grill and Donatello in the 2500 block of L Street, says he was approached in the spring by students from The George Washington University. They asked if they could use the side of Marshall's for a mural. He says he agreed and the project went forward.

But the wall art was short-lived.

Westbridge resident Barbara Kahlow, who lives across the street, saw the mural and didn't like it. She says, "It was street graffiti, improper for a neighborhood." She says she complained to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A that it was on a public alley and so should have to be approved by local residents.

Kahlow claims her complaints led to it being painted over, but Soares disputes that story. "I covered it up not because of her, but because I didn't like it," says Soares. He says he felt it didn't turn out like he envisioned, so he covered it up.

Council Members in New Offices

During the summer, D.C. Councilmembers and their staffs moved from their old building on Pennsylvania Avenue to new quarters at Judiciary Square. The John Wilson building is being restored and the Council plans to move back when the repairs are completed. The new address is 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

In the meantime and for the next year or so, here are pertinent numbers:

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Carole Schwartz, At Large:
724-8105; fax 724-8071;
Room 706

Arrington Dixon, At Large:
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Room 720

Soares says he would like to get another mural painted on the side of Marshall's in the future, perhaps with a restaurant theme.

St. Paul's Schedules Fall Bazaar

Bargains galore will be available at the Fall Bazaar at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, scheduled for Saturday, October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. According to the planners, featured will be a silent auction, a boutique with special items for sale, white elephant tables, books, plants, furniture, and all kinds of bargains. Also available will be coffee, pastries and luncheon. Item donations are welcome; they are needed by October 10. Call Madeline at 703-323-0985 for information; pickup of large items can be arranged.

Save Those Grocery Receipts

Safeway and Giant are again offering to local schools various kinds of equipment in exchange for store receipts. The collection started on September 14, and Safeway will continue until January and Giant until March.

Collection boxes have been distributed to several apartment buildings in the neighborhood, and a box will be available at the Foggy Bottom meeting. A box has also been placed at the West End Library. Residents who do not have a particular school to save for can bring them to FBA meetings. They will then be turned over to Stevens Elementary School on 21st Street, Francis Junior High at 24th & N Streets, and School Without Walls Senior High School on G Street.

All the schools will appreciate your holding on to your receipts and making sure a school is able to benefit from them.

To Celebrate Our 40th Year ... Forty Foggy Bottom Facts, Part I

1. Charles Drew, pioneer in blood banking, grew up in Foggy Bottom and was a lifeguard at Francis School in the 1930s. His daughter, Charlene Drew Jarvis, is a member of the D.C. City Council, and his nephew, Frederick Drew Gregory, piloted the Challenger in July, 1985.
2. Sixty thousand dollars was the cost of the land, church and residence of St. Stephen Martyr Church when it was first built in the 1860s.
3. The Heurich Brewery, formerly on the site of the Kennedy Center, was the first fireproof brewery in the U.S., and had walls over 2 feet thick. It was NOT an easy building to tear down.
4. A Phoenix, Maryland firm, Controlled Demolition Incorporated, is a family company which recently was in the news. It was hired after the tragic happenings in Oklahoma City to bring down the federal building. The company president, Mark Loizeaux, was quoted as saying "We don't blow things up, we 'cajole' buildings to the ground." A most interesting fact to us, though, is that the company's first demolition was in the 1950s, and their records indicate three apartment buildings which sat on the lot where the State Department is now were involved.

Welcome Newcomers!

If you are new to the neighborhood, we welcome you and hope you take as much pride in our Foggy Bottom community as FB oldtimers do.

Here are some items which might be helpful to you:

1. **Community organizations.** The Foggy Bottom Association and the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A each meet monthly. Attendance at their meetings (and reading the FBA's *Foggy Bottom News*) will make you aware of FB happenings and issues.
2. **Parking.** It's at a premium in the Bottom and private spaces are closely monitored—respect them. Parking in alleys, blocking sidewalks, and overtime parking are subject to frequent ticketing and hefty fines so beware. You are eligible for unlimited street parking if you obtain a residential parking permit (call 727-6680).
3. **Pets.** Leash them! Clean up after them! Many of your neighbors work hard to maintain their front yards and tree spaces; resist the urge to let your dog "go" on them. There are a number of public spaces in the area that can be used by your pets—but you still must clean up after them.
4. **Noise.** Please keep radios and stereos at a level so as not to disturb your neighbors, especially at night. Occasional parties are expected and acceptable, but be considerate and notify neighbors in advance. The police noise complaint number is 282-0070. It is for your use as well as your neighbors' use.
5. **Neighborhood watch.** Keep an eye out for out-of-the-ordinary and therefore suspicious things in the neighborhood. The police non-emergency number is 727-1010; ask them to investigate. Of course, the emergency number is 911.

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Foggy Bottom Folks

As of September 5, a Foggy Bottom folk is now a California folk. The neighborhood, and most specifically St. Mary's Court, is already missing staff member **Margaret Pully**. As Resident Services Director Margaret "started many new programs, improved old ones, has involved the community in our programs (and) activities" during her 12-plus years at the Court. She will also embark on a new career as a married lady. We add our congratulations and best wishes to many expressed at her farewell party.

FBA Executive Board member **Lucille Molinelli** had a sad and glad summer. In early summer her 13-year old Shitzu, Pepper, passed away, taking away her 'walking pal and beside partner.' Her attention was soon taken up by plans and duties as



Lucille Molinelli

mother of the bride; her daughter, Jamie, was wed near her home near the water in Baltimore, Maryland. If we know Lucille, there were some really good eats at that reception (she is a great cook!

Jennie Binder, an Eye Street resident and GWU



Jennie Binder and friend

student, spent the summer on an internship in Australia. Jennie majors in tourism and marketing, is a swimmer, and helps deliver the *Foggy Bottom News* each month. A write-up of her "down under" experience appears elsewhere in this issue.

Matthew Hall, New Hampshire Avenue homeowner and FBA treasurer, returned from South Carolina earlier this year and jumped right back into FB activities. Matt is handling FBA's finances and working hard on a November association party. He also jumped back into school, entering Howard University's law school. If you need a job done, ask a busy person!

Another busy FBA person is **Olga Corey**, who does not hesitate to tackle a neighborhood need. Spotting a sign

which limited several parking spaces on Virginia Avenue to limousines, she wondered why they rated over regular residents, voiced (or wrote) the question to DPW, and got the restriction lifted. Score one for those who believe in "the Lord helps those who help themselves."

If you prefer shopping close to home, have you visited the Gift Shop in the lobby of the GWU Hospital? It is stocked with items for yourself, your home and for gifts. Included are greeting cards, stationery, magazines, toys, stuffed animals, balloons, decorative items, toiletries, and candies. It is a project of the Women's Board of the hospital, and it is open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Hooray! Watergate Exxon is open again, after a long 3+ weeks undergoing "remodeling." The work done involved putting in new pumps, new piping and waste oil and other containment facilities. They also have a new computer which will perform important monitoring chores. While they were at it, they completely redid the whole paved area, and it really looks good. New lights, Leon says, make it especially attractive at night.

Stop by and say hello to the crew of the FBN's oldest advertiser. You'll see owners **Leon and Eddie Miranian**, and employees **Jack, Al, Dave, William, Rivas, Michael, and Joseph**.

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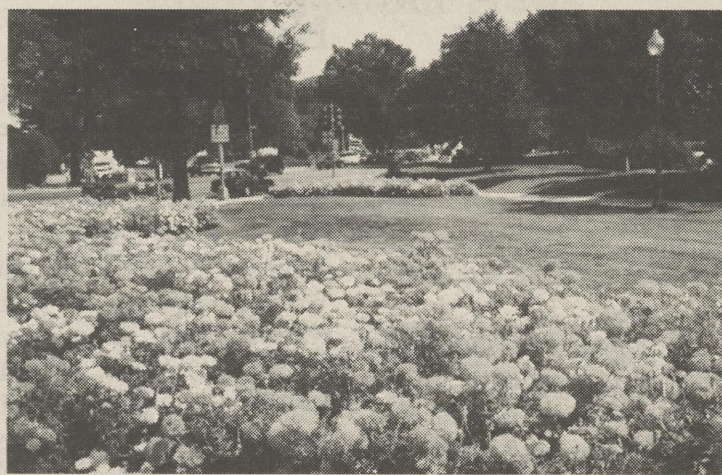
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The Local Kaleidoscope

By John Graves

A monument that no one sees...

At the foot of 23rd Street, N.W. there is a right turn sign for the Route 66 Interchange—a sign that is obscured by trees. A few feet west there is a stone structure on the left side of the road with sort of a memorial which has always puzzled me, because no one can see it at fast speeds. It is just south of the old CIA (shhh!) building.

I walked over to take this photo and it was quite a risk just getting across the interchange traffic. My curiosity was finally satisfied. The small plaque on the rock is a memorial to British General Edward Braddock who landed there April 14, 1755 to fight in the French and Indian Wars. His 713 troops died at Ft. Duquesne July 9, 1755. It is known as "Braddock's Rock."

This spot is also known as the "Key of Keys" which served in the original survey of Washington. The huge stone structure in the background with a big manhole cover on top is obviously part of some public utility or, maybe the CIA, nah... surely they wouldn't...

The plaque was placed on the rock in 1964 by the D.C. Bridge Construction Division



which built this interchange. They obviously had a budget for such esoteric items in those days.

The Kennedy Center is visible in the background.

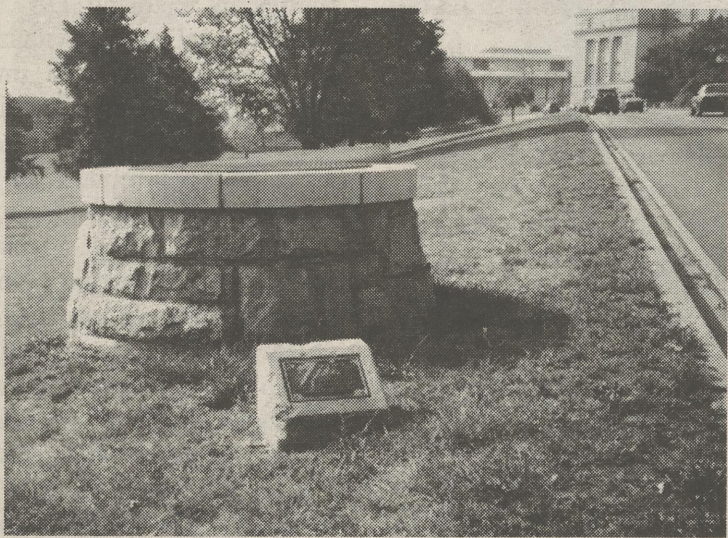
Another Obscurity



In the 2600 block of I Street, N.W. three Foggy Bottom vintage row houses still remain. Near the first house, hidden in the trees is this traffic sign:

"E STREET EXPRESSWAY—THEODORE ROOSEVELT BRIDGE."

It was necessary to walk within three feet to read it—forget about the passing cars. It is easy to locate just across from the Howard Johnson "Dumpster," near the former location of the Marion Barry "Homeless" trailers.



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and the 26th Street park and playground.

The FBA Executive Board filed a letter of support for the project, while remaining concerned about the additional height. They felt, however, that the increase in residential units and the absence of a commercial office component were assets to the area.

Health & Wellness Building:

The Board of Zoning Adjustment will again hold a hearing on the proposed Health & Wellness Center GWU wants to build at 23rd & G Streets, next to St. Mary's Episcopal Church. This is the fourth hearing on the project, which was rejected by the BZA in 1994 because of the planned use at this location; two subsequent applications for rehearing were rejected as well.

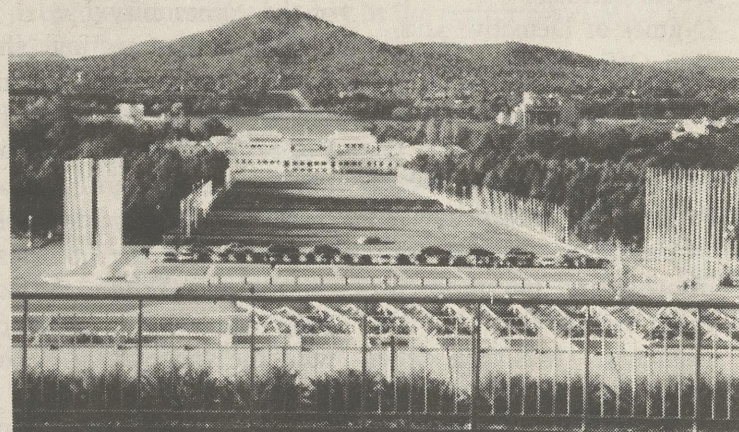
The FBA and ANC in earlier hearings reiterated that the proposal violates decisions and findings of fact that (1) the Smith Center is the only designated site for athletic facilities, and that (2) a high volume facility like this proposed building is not compatible with a site on the periphery of the campus. An earlier order stated: "University buildings requiring the greatest level of access will be given the most central location with good access to interior circulation."

GWU testimony in a 1986 hearing on the campus plan agreed: "Athletic programs—I will mention that the Smith Center is our only athletic facility on campus except for a couple of tennis courts and that building runs from 7:00 in the morning until midnight, 365 days a year." (emphasis supplied).

The university has made some changes in its plans for the building, most importantly moving it away from the fragile St. Mary's Church. Other arrangements have been made with the other occupants of the square; in addition, the university bought and tore down a number of townhouses across G Street on a lot which remains vacant. The proposed use of the building, however, remains the same, and many in the neighborhood feel it should not be allowed.

The Voyage Down Under

by Jennifer Binder



Canberra, Australia

This summer, I was given the opportunity to study and explore in Australia. I studied at the Australian International Hotel School, a school just three years old closely linked and affiliated with Cornell University School of Hotel Administration. The school was in Canberra, Australia's capital. I took two classes, Multi-cultural Management, during which my eyes were opened to new and global management styles as well as fundamental cultural differences we should all understand and respect, and Resort Design and Development in which I studied international accommodations and actually developed a hypothetical resort for Canberra.

While I was in Canberra, I spent a great deal of time comparing Canberra to Washington, D.C. Canberra, like Washington, is filled with historic war memorials, beautiful overlooks, wonderful museums, and of course, a political center, for them, a new Parliament House. However, after attending a guest lecture presented by the CEO of Canberra tourism, I learned that Canberra does not have the same impact on Australians that Washington seems to have on Americans. Australians avoid Canberra, and the overnight visitors to Canberra are primarily out of state school children (the government subsidizes class trips to Canberra) and visiting politicians and diplomats. Canberra is desperately trying to improve its national image and become a place of Australian pride and spirit. The CEO literally said they ultimately want Canberra to be as popular as Washington is to the Americans. They hope when

Canberra is as old as D.C. it will. After all, Canberra has been there for less than a century.

As for me, I found Canberra to be pleasant, interesting and friendly. The sun always seemed to be shining even though it was winter, and the city is surrounded by lovely lakes and landscapes.

After my two month stay in Canberra, I traveled around the east coast of the country. I went to Melbourne, where I learned how much better it is than Sydney, and Sydney where I learned how much better it is than Melbourne. In fact, it was this historic competition that landed Canberra as the capital! I enjoyed both cities immensely. I went skiing at Thredbo before the dreadful avalanche they had, and went scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef. I swam in waterfalls and saw crocodiles in the rain forests, and explored Brisbane. I went to a small beach town called Noosa and discovered that it may be one of the most beautiful places in Australia complete with clear blue waters and wild koalas!

I finished my trip in Sydney, a place I fell in love with. The excitement of the city combined with the general courtesy of the people amazed me. I found it a place I would be quite happy spending the rest of my life!

All in all, I had a fabulous trip. I was reluctant to return altogether! I found Australia to be a country somewhat similar to the U.S. in terms of culture and technology, but unique in its own way. The people truly do have "that friendly Aussie attitude" you often hear about, an attitude and courtesy I wish everyone I encountered had.

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In a flyer distributed to residents of PSA 207, Lt. Joseph Trippi outlined each PSA's responsibility as "eliminating crime and disorder and for improving the quality of life of the residents." It is their belief that "with your support, we will be able to take control of our streets and more effectively address the community's concern."

Captain Shannon Cockett, at a recent Citizens Advisory Council meeting, voiced the newly articulated mission of the Metropolitan Police. The mission: to eliminate crime and the fear of crime, reduce disorder, and gain the respect of the community.

During the meeting, she replied to a question about the actions of the police in Foggy Bottom against the homeless, explaining that they are targeting undesirable behavior, not the homeless themselves. Among the actions taken was a cleanup, with the cooperation of the National Park Service, of a massive accumulation of trash—not the belongings of homeless—along the Potomac River Freeway near the Ken-



nedy Center. Many truckloads of cardboard, cans, bottles, empty food containers, pieces of plastic, and newspapers were cleared out.



A trash accumulation of a Virginia Avenue Park was

cleaned up by a group of GWU students at the urging of the police. It was one of the sites of a community cleanup by a group of more than 50 GWU students in late August.

Another D.C. police initiative planned is the placement of 40 cameras to catch and ticket red-light runners. According to the *Northwest Current*, one hazardous intersection in the northwest section of town is 25th, L and Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Latest Unofficial Crime Statistics:

In July 1997, PSA 207 had 9 crimes against persons (robbery & assault) and 51 against property (burglary, theft, theft from auto, and stolen

vehicles); in August there were 11 against persons and 56 against property. Included in these figures is a drop in thefts from auto of 25 in August 1997 versus 41 in August 1996. Number-wise, that is FB's largest crime category.

PSA 208 has 12 crimes against persons in July 1997, and 8 in August 1997, including one rape. The figures for property crimes were 83 in July and 65 in August.

The GWU campus as well is not immune to criminal activity. According to *The GWU Hatchet*, in 1996 the following offenses were reported to the university police: burglary, 56; larceny (theft), 837; robbery, 9; and forcible sex, 3. Two additional sexual offenses were reported to other university organizations.

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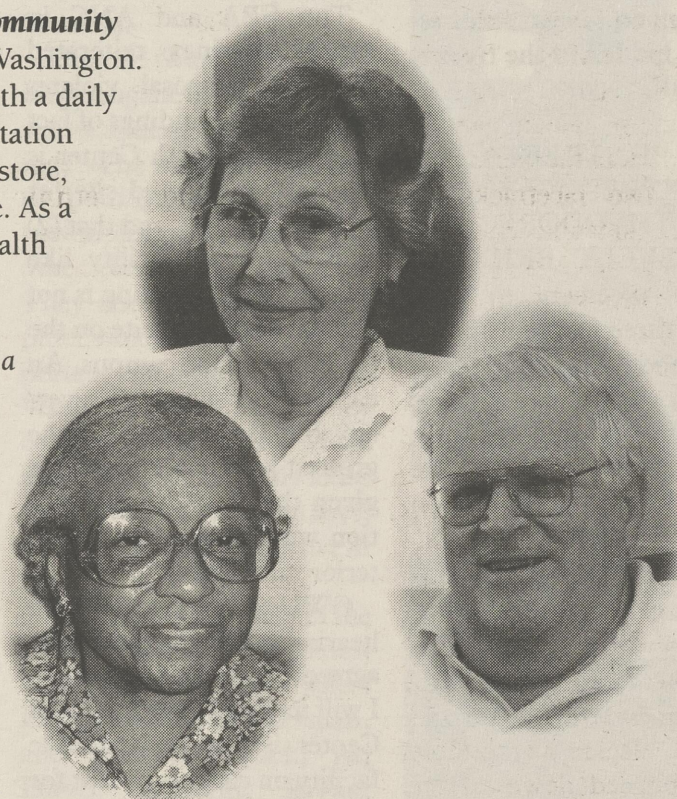
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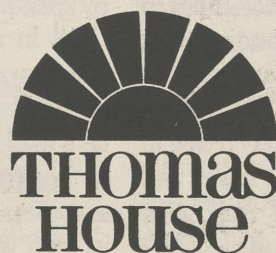
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Control Board Issues Reports on Web Site

The D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, aka the Control Board, has established a web site and is making a series of documents available via the site. According to Public Information Officer Monette M. Goodrich, one document is the Authority's Strategic Plan, released in December 1996, which was developed to help guide the Authority's activities in restoring D.C.'s "financial solvency, revitalizing the economy, and improving the delivery of public services." She also provided a list of other reports on a variety of subjects, including a June 1997 report on the status of the strategic plan. Other documents pertain to children and the public schools, procurement, management and performance measurement. The Web site is: <http://www.dcfra.gov>; the public information officer can be reached at 202-504-3400 or mgoodrich@dcfra.com. The address is One Thomas Circle, N.W., #900, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Part I



Another Smithsonian bus tour, this time overnight to Brooklyn, one of the five Boroughs of New York City. Our tour guide was Brooklyn native Steve Forman, a D.C. resident and Civil War historian. After a brief rest stop in Delaware on Saturday, we reached Brooklyn via the Verrazano Narrows Bridge around 11:30 a.m. We got off and strolled along the seawall, where Steve gave us a brief history of historic Fort Hamilton nearby and the Narrows' role in Brooklyn's development. (I have included herein information that I gleaned from "Brooklyn," by Ellen M. Snyder-Grenier (Temple University Press, 1996) as well as that supplied by our tour guide, Steve.)

Brooklyn is at the far western end of the Long Island and currently has a population of 2.3 million. It was founded by the Dutch in the 1600s and became a trading post in New Netherland (renamed New York by British in 1664). Other Europeans bought land (in 1636) in the Dutch-named "Breuklen" village. If anything remains the same about Brooklyn, it is its diversity, i.e., each neighborhood has its own ethnicity—from the 1840s into the early 1900s, it had a massive European immigration. In 1855, it was known as the third largest city in the U.S. and was linked to Manhattan in 1883, when the Brooklyn Bridge was completed.

A Stop at Coney Island

We stopped for a stand-up lunch at Nathan's in West Brighton Beach on Coney Island (southern tip of Brooklyn at Sheepshead Bay). Coney Island consists of Sea Gate, Brighton Beach, West Brighton Beach and Manhattan Beach (the affluent area). "Conyne Eylant" means rabbit in Dutch; they were abundant in the 1800s on the sandy dunes—later the site of the fabulous 'Luna Amusement Park' in West Brighton. Indians had called Coney Island "Narriockh," the place without shadows. It could be reached by ferry, trolley and rail by in-land New Yorkers seeking a respite. Luna Park, "the most famous amusement park in the world," offered: two racetracks, arcades, vaudeville entertainment and vendors as well as rides. (Brooklyn was considered the racing capital of the world" in 1900.)

The first hotel on Coney Island was The Coney Island Hotel (built in 1824) as a resort for wealthy merchants and businessmen. Other hotels sprang up afterwards: Wyckoff's Hotel (1844); family-oriented and one of the two largest hotels, the Oceanic Hotel (burned down); elegant Tivoli Hotel (also burned down); Hotel Brighton Beach, the other largest hotel (1878); Tilyan's Hotel (in the 1870s it rented flannel bathing suits and

bathhouses—and sold beer at a nickel a glass); in the ritzy area, Manhattan Beach, the Manhattan Beach Hotel (1877) banned Jewish people; the Oriental Hotel (1880) catered to wealthy families. The Pavilion was not a hotel, but rather a tent that had a dance floor for customers.

In the 1870s, Coney Island was controlled by railroad owners, entrepreneurs and businessmen, who "remade" it into these divisions: West End (formerly Norton's Point); fun-packed West Brighton; East Manhattan Beach (formerly fancy Sedgebank); and Brighton Beach (named after the lovely resort in southern England, that I personally visited years ago—quite a contrast!) In the 1900s, visitors had use of the beaches according to their own inland ethnic neighborhood, i.e. Italian, Jewish, Irish, German, et al. The most popular rides at Luna Park were "The Cyclone" roller coaster (built in 1927 and known as the first, largest, and wildest); and The "Parachute Jump" (originally in the 1939 World's Fair).

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The Foggy Bottom Diner

Mick's

By Jim Patterson

I am always looking for a new and exciting place to eat. I am searching not only for myself but for my out-of-town guests. I recently discovered what may be the perfect place: Mick's, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave.; telephone 331-9613.

From appetizers to main courses Mick's has it all. Appetizers range in price from \$2.95 for a hearty bowl of baked potato soup to \$5.95 for Mick's Nachos, crisp tri-color cheese nachos served with Mick's special chili and/or grilled sliced chicken. During my visit, I enjoyed the soup of the day; a mouth-watering clam chowder, with big chunks of potatoes and clams, served to perfection. I also ordered the Southern Fried Chicken Fingers, \$5.95, from the appetizer menu. The four chicken fingers, served with savory sauces, were delicious.

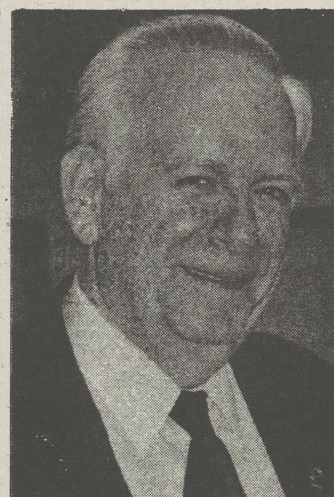
Mick's various salads, a special menu section, include a fresh garden salad, \$3.95, and a fantastic Southwestern Chicken Caesar Salad, \$7.95. Salad lovers will love the various salad options available. Pasta dishes are a specialty and are served in half and full portions. Standard pasta dishes include corn and tomato linguine, \$4.75 for a half portion, and chicken and penne pasta, served with cream sauce, mushrooms and broccoli, \$5.50 for a half portion. Mick's also offers daily pasta specials. During my visit, I ordered the special Thai pasta, garnished with fresh Gulf shrimp, generous slices of red bell pepper, carrots, and scallions, served with a tasty ginger-based sauce. The dish was superb! This biased pasta lover thinks this dish could convert anyone to a pasta lover.

Visiting Mick's for lunch is a perfect idea, given the variety of burgers, grilled chicken, and specialty sandwiches including a tempting Portabella Mushroom Sandwich, \$6.95. Sandwiches are served with fries or pasta salad. Diners can also opt for a half sandwich with soup or garden salad.

For evening business meetings, Mick's offers diverse specialties including Hickory Grilled T-Bone Steak, \$14.95, and roasted chicken, \$9.95. Other dishes include Hickory Fried Salmon, \$13.95; grilled pork chops, \$9.95; and Old Fashioned Meatloaf, \$7.95, served with mashed potatoes, gravy and a fresh vegetable. Side orders of baked potatoes, fries, pasta salad, jalapeno cole slaw, and other items may be ordered with any dish.

A diner at Mick's cannot ignore the dessert menu, which includes chocolate cream pie and strawberry shortcake, to mention a few of the delectable offerings. I enjoyed the warm blackberry cobbler a la mode. The streusel topping, fresh blackberries and generous vanilla ice cream was excellent. The drink menu offers a variety of domestic and imported beer and wine. Soft drinks and bottled water are also available.

So, if you live in Foggy Bottom and you have not tried Mick's, plan a visit and enjoy fine food, excellent service, and affordable prices. Who knows? You may even see me there.



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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, September 29: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with At-Large City Council candidates Arrington Dixon and David Catania. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1: Public hearing before the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment on the application of George Washington University concerning the construction of a health and wellness center at 2301 G Street, N.W. Suite 220, 441 4th Street, N.W. 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1: "The Last Lecture Series," ("What would you say if you knew this were your last lecture?") featuring Dr. Michael Cedar, GWU Eliot School of International Affairs. Western Presbyterian Church, 24th & G Streets, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1: Citizens Advisory Council for Second District, Metropolitan Police. Second District headquarters, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. (one block west of Wisconsin Avenue and Newark Street). 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Monday, October 6 & Thursday, October 9: Public hearing before D.C. Zoning Commission to change zoning on Square 43 (triangle between 23rd & 24th, G & Virginia Avenue). Proposed zoning is R-5-C, Moderate Density Residential, which allows row houses and garden apartments, and a height of 60 feet.

Wednesday, October 15: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A meeting. Call 659-0011 for location. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 16: Seventh Senior Forum on "Options for Health Care in the Years Ahead," sponsored by Citizens' Advisory Council, IONA Senior Services. Topics include "Trends in Health Care for the Aging," adult day care, home care, assisted living and hospice. National Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 4101 Nebraska Avenue, N.W. Parking free; \$5.00 donation requested. Information: 966-1055. 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Friday, October 17: Performance by S.O.A.P. Dance Theatre Frankfurt. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. Information: 994-6800 or TicketMaster. 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18: Fall Bazaar, featuring a silent auction, a boutique, white elephant sale, plants, and coffee, pastries and luncheon. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. (Donations of items welcome; call Madeline at 703-323-0985). 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 24: Performance by Portuguese instrumental and vocal quintet Madredeus. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. Information: 994-6800 or TicketMaster. 8:00 p.m.

Through Friday, October 31: "Veiled Doorways," an exhibition of paintings by Anil Revri, celebrating 50th anniversary of India's independence. AIA Gallery, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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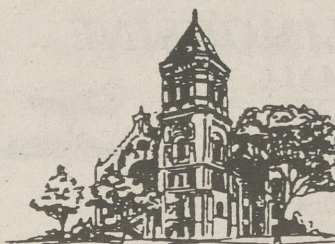


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Guy Mason Offers

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The Guy Mason Recreation Center, at Wisconsin & Calvert Streets, N.W., is holding registration for fall classes through October 1. Offered are art, copper enameling, china painting, and pottery for aspiring artists; two aerobic classes, dancercise, yoga, gi gong, ballroom dancing and self defense/karate for the body movers; and Spanish, English as a second language, chess, and bridge for brain exercisers. The center also has a retirees club. For information on the center, on the Friendship Heights bus line just above Georgetown, call 282-2180.



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